

Date: April 25, 2002

To: Chairman Getman and Commissioners Downey, Knox, and Swanson

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This is a summary of administrative and division activity since the report sent to you prior to the April Commission meeting.

#### A. PERSONNEL

The Enforcement Division has hired two new attorneys. William Lenkeit will begin work with the Commission on May 1. He comes from the Department of Real Estate with 17 years of state service. Jennie U. Eddy will begin work with the Commission on June 3rd. Ms. Eddy is completing her Masters of Law in Government and Public Policy at the University of Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

The Legal Division has hired attorney Galena West. Ms. West is a recently licensed attorney who interned for the Franchise Tax Board and, prior to that, for the Attorney General's Office.

#### B. STAFF PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Chairman, Luisa Menchaca, Steve Russo, Carla Wardlow, Scott Burritt and I attended a meeting of California ethics agencies in Oakland on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Present at the meeting were representatives from Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Berkeley and Oakland. The meeting was informative, and attendees vowed to continue communicating about legislation, local initiatives and other issues of shared concern.

The Public Education Unit has finalized the 2001 Annual Report, which will be distributed before the end of this month. PEU teamed up with representatives from Technical Assistance and Enforcement provide a workshop for reporters, representatives of public interest groups and others in how to locate, read and interpret electronic and paper disclosure forms. The workshop was held on Tuesday, April 16 and was well attended. Finally, PEU has submitted alternatives for providing audio access to Commission meetings. I am reviewing these alternatives and will work with Chairman Getman and Administrative Services Division Chief Bob Tribe to determine if our budget will allow us to provide

this service in the coming months.

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The Technical Assistance Division provided campaign and/or SEI outreach visits to the Cities of Coronado, San Marcos, Oceanside, Pittsburgh, El Segundo, Carlsbad, Del Mar, La Mesa, and Perris, and to the Counties of Shasta and Sonoma. In addition, TAD conducted an SEI filers' seminar in Sacramento for the Department of Water Resources.

The Legal Division hosted a presentation by Deputy Attorney General Ted Prim, regarding the conflict-of-interest prohibitions of Government Code section 1090, and Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Rockwell, regarding the Public Records Act. Assistant General Counsel John Wallace provided a conflicts presentation to the State Treasurer's Office. Next month, Legal Division Staff Counsel Natalie Bocanegra will provide a conflicts presentation to the State Board of Education.

At the recommendation of the General Counsel, I have granted a request by attorney Roger A. Brown, on behalf of Peninsula Health Care District Director Terilyn Hanko, for a hearing on their request for an opinion by the Commission regarding disqualifying sources of income. The matter will be heard at the Commission's June meeting.

#### C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

I have granted a request from the California Bipartisan Commission on Internet Political Practices to exempt the agency from the requirement to adopt a conflict-of-interest code on the ground that it will soon be inoperative and nonfunctioning.

Since the last Commission meeting, the agency has approved codes and amendments for the following:

California Community Colleges  
California Utility Buyers' Joint Powers Authority  
Department of Financial Institutions